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Medicare Therapy Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction Rule

Information for providers in the Medicare and Marketplace network

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, Molina Healthcare of Ohio will implement the Medicare Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) rule for therapy services.

The MPPR rule reduction applies to only one factor of the Medicare Physician payment formula. It is not a reduction to the actual Medicare allowed amount. The MPPR applies to the Practice Expense (PE) factor when more than one unit or procedure is provided to the same patient on the same day, i.e., the MPPR applies to multiple units as well as multiple procedures.

The therapy MPPR rule applies to multiple instances of “Always Therapy” services furnished on the same day that include:

- Physical therapy - modifier (GP)
- Occupational therapy - modifier (GO)
- Speech-language pathology - modifier (GN)

Per the MPPR rule, the highest paying procedure will be reimbursed at 100% of the PE, while the second and all subsequent procedures will be reimbursed at 50% of the PE.

The “Always Therapy” Services are:

- Subject to therapy caps per Section 4541 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997
- Required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for certain services, regardless of who performs the service

The use of one of the three therapy modifiers is required on certain Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes to identify when the service is utilized.

For questions, please reach out to your Molina Provider Representative at (855) 322-4079.

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